

REMARKS

In response to the above-identified Final Office Action, the Applicant requests continued examination of the application and withdrawal of the finality. The Applicant also presents the below remarks and respectfully requests reconsideration of the application, as amended, in light of these remarks. In addition, the Applicant has amended the drawings in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84. Figure 5 has been amended by labeling the "Transit Menu" button with 212. Figure 17 has been amended by labeling the "End" oval with 220 and changing the "Media Menu" label from 212 to 216. Submitted herewith are all the figures for the Examiner's convenience. No new matter has been added.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-13, 15, 24-28 under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable by U.S. Patent 5,793,365 (hereinafter Tang). The Examiner also rejected claims 14, and 16-23 as being unpatentable over Tang in view of U.S. Patent 5,956,038 (hereinafter Rekimoto). The Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection for the reasons set out below.

Applicant contends that references individually or in combination do not teach or suggest all limitations of claim 29, or the other independent claims of the present application. The Applicant's arguments shall be presented with respect to claim 29. However, these comments are applicable to the other claims of the present application, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider these comments and remarks when reviewing the other claims for allowability.

Tang does not teach the present invention as claimed in claim 29, which reads as follows:

A method for coordinating a plurality of communications in a plurality of media in an information processing system, comprising:

communicating between a user node and each of a plurality of media servers directly and not through other of said media servers, wherein each of the media servers communicates in a different one of the plurality of the media; and

in response to control communications between one of the media servers and the user node, the one media server controlling the communicating between the user node and the plurality of the media servers to coordinate presentation of communications in the plurality of the media at the user node. (*Emphasis added*)

Tang discloses a system for providing a computer user interface enabling access to distributed workgroup members.

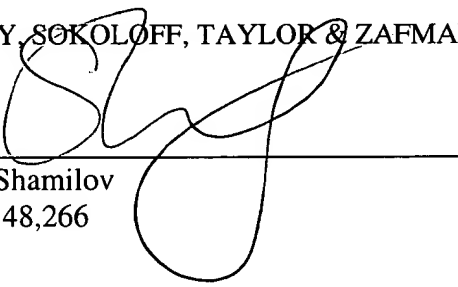
The Final Office Action states that because Tang discloses chat room capabilities of its system, it “clearly suggests media synchronization and the use of a switching mechanisms to preserve real time bi-directional data transmission”, thus rendering the present invention, as claimed, obvious to one skilled in the art. However, Tang does not disclose or suggest one media server controlling the communicating between the user node and the plurality of the media servers to coordinate presentation of communications. There are no plurality of media servers disclosed in Tang.

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due. Furthermore, if an extension is required, then Applicant hereby requests such an extension.

Respectfully submitted,

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